

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 21, 2006, Applicants have cancelled Claims 20-64 and have added new Claims 65-80 for examination.

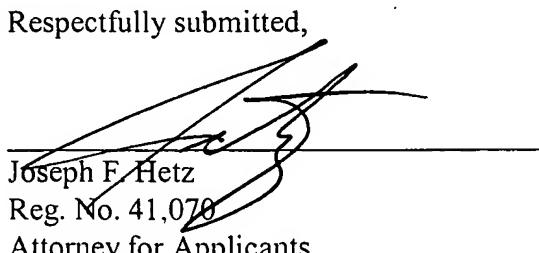
Also, Applicants appreciate the willingness of Examiner Bashore to conduct several telephone interviews with Applicants' attorney Arnold Turk, the most recent of which occurred on December 13, 2006. During those interviews, Mr. Turk indicated that new claims would be submitted for examination, and the Examiner indicated that the new claims would be accepted for examination because a first action on the merits has not yet been made in this application. Applicants therefore request examination on the merits of Claims 65-80.

If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4719.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

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